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There's a College Option for Everyone! "I want to be an anesthesiologist"

- Sydney, 10th grade

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DEAR INDIANA STUDENTS,

elcome to Learn More. This is your guide to reaching your college and career goals. Whether you're planning for a career using computers, teaching, designing and building automobiles, taking care of the sick—or something entirely different—Learn More can help you get there. In this magazine, you'll learn about:

- your career choices in Indiana,
- your college options after high school and
- how to cut the cost of higher education.

Taking the right steps now will put you on a path to success. Don't wait: Flip through these pages and start learning how you can reach your goals. And, check out our campaigns throughout the year to learn about what you can do now to prepare for your future. College GO! (August-November), Cash for College (December-March) and Career Ready (April-July) have information and fun activities to help you turn your dreams into a reality.

After you finish this magazine, visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a college savings account.

Have a great school year!

DEAR INDIANA PARENTS,

Learn More isn't just for kids. There are important steps you too can take to help your son or daughter stay on track.

Be sure to check out the parents' corner in each section of Learn More to learn about ways you can ensure your child is prepared to succeed.





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STUDENT CHECKLIST

CAREER

- ☐ Take a career interests assessment at **IndianaCareerExplorer.com** to find careers that fit your interests and skills.
- ☐ Job shadow a professional or volunteer in a career field that interests you. Learn more about workplace experience on page 7.
- Challenge vourself with courses related to your career field. Advanced Placement (AP), dualcredit, and career/technical education (CTE) courses are all great options.

COLLEGE

- ☐ Start (and update) your high school graduation plan. Talk to your school counselor, or sign up for the online version at **LearnMoreIndiana.org/** graduation-plan.
- Earn the right high school diploma for your college and career goals. Research apprenticeships, workforce training and college options and find out which diploma they prefer.
- ☐ Visit a college campus. See page 12 for a map of Indiana colleges, and find a visit checklist on page 13.



EMILY is a senior at Noblesville High School She's planning for a career as an architectural engineer. Her artwork is called "Barn from Indiana Countryside" She drew inspiration from a barn in Fillmore, Indiana.

COST

- ☐ Succeed in school. Earning good grades and participating in extracurricular activities throughout high school will increase your chances of earning a scholarship.
- ☐ Contribute to a tax-advantaged Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan. Learn more on page 19.
- ☐ Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest** to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.



SYDNEY is in 10th grade at Winchester Community High School, and she wants to be an anesthesiologist. She's preparing for her career now by taking math and science classes and asking her family doctor for advice.

Her advice for other students? Learn how to study! Find study tips at Learn More Indiana.org/study-habits.

Parent Checklist

- 1. Start, or continue, to talk to your child about college plans as if he or she will definitely go. No matter your child's goal, there is a postsecondary option.
- 2. Keep an eye on your child's study habits, grades and the classes they're taking-stay involved and encourage your child to take challenging courses.
- 3. Continue saving for your child's education. Learn more about the CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan on page 19.
- 4. Estimate how much financial aid your child is likely to receive at IndianaCollegeCosts.org.
- 5. Find out about college nights or financial aid nights at your child's school.

CAREER

here are all kinds of careers—and they're all important! When choosing a career path, think about your talents and interests to find a career you'll enjoy and be good at. matter your career. According to

To get a good career, you need to have the right qualifications. To be qualified for most jobs, you need to go to college. In fact, nearly two-thirds of all jobs require some form of college education, whether that is a degree, certificate, or other quality credential. The fact is, college is an important step in your career

There are other kinds of qualifications too. Employability **skills**. also known as soft skills. are general skills that are necessary in the job market, no NACE (The National Association of Colleges and Employers). the top employability skills are: leadership, teamwork. communication (both written and verbal), problem solving, and a strong work ethic. Learn more about workplace experiences that can help you gain employability skills on page 7.



Learn more about careers during Career Ready, every April through July! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/ career to learn more.

Information Technology <a>



Indiana College and Career Pathways: Programming and PC Networking and Support*

areers in information technology (IT) focus on the design, development and support of hardware, software and other technology. IT makes data and new technology available to us, usually through tools like computers or the Internet. Thanks to all the innovations made by the IT sector, our lives are easier.

Have you ever used an app or played a game on a phone or tablet? Software developers create, update and test programs and applications to make sure they work. They usually go to

college to earn a bachelor's degree (four years). Similarly, Web developers, professionals who create and update websites, usually go to college to earn an associate degree. There are options for almost every level of education!

IT is a rapidly growing sector. Workers in this field must be adaptable since new kinds of technology are being developed regularly. If you're interested in IT, make sure you take computer and technology classes and stay upto-date with new technology.

DAVID is a senior at Warren Central High School. He is interested in becoming a computer programmer. His career goal started with a plan! David took multiple computer science courses in high school, and he'll attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall to earn his degree.

*For more information about Indiana College and Career Pathways, visit doe.IN.gov/cte/Indiana-college-career-pathways.



Health Science 🗸



aking care of people is an important industry in Indiana. Jobs in health science are expected to grow by more than 20% by 2022. From helping people to researching medical breakthroughs, we need people in this career field to thrive.

One of the most popular jobs in health science is a registered nurse (RN). They go to college to earn a bachelor's degree, and they are responsible for caring for patients by doing things like drawing blood and administering medicine.. Doctors go to college for at least eight years (bachelor's degree plus four years of medical school), and then three to seven more years of specialized training.

They usually pick a specialty such as cardiology (the heart) or pediatrics (working with children).

Maybe you'd like to help people, but numbers or art are more your thing. Hospitals and clinics employ all kinds of people—from administrators to designers. If you're a science wiz but don't want to work with patients, you could have a research position in a laboratory.

If you're interested in a career in health science, be sure to take a lot of math and science classes in school. This field is always looking for workers who are bilingual, so consider taking a foreign language

Manufacturing **T**

Indiana College and Career Pathways: Advanced Manufacturing, **Electronics, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Machine** Technology, and Welding

n Indiana, more than 500,000 people work in manufacturing. Careers in manufacturing plan, manage and perform the processes involved in turning raw materials into final products for consumers. Many people who work in manufacturing work in a factory—but not the kind of factory you're thinking of! You might assume they're dirty with harsh conditions, but many

factories today are clean and high- (two years) or an apprenticeship tech—using robots and machines to create products. These factories fall into a growing subset of manufacturing called advanced manufacturing.

Because many factories are hightech, people in this field need higher education. Many careers require a workforce certificate (one year), an associate degree

(two to five years). One popular career is a machinist. They set up and run computers and machines that make products.

Many people in this field like working with their hands. If you're interested in a career in manufacturing, take a lot of math, science and technology classes.



MADDIE is a freshman at Winchester Community High School. She's interested in physical therapy. They help injured people mprove their movement. Physical therapists earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree (bachelor's degree plus three years).

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics 🗎 🕻



Indiana College and Career Pathways: Engineering

areers in science, mathematics (STEM) plan. manage and provide scientific research and development services. They work in offices and laboratories—and even outside! STEM jobs cover many different areas, including the physical sciences, social sciences and engineering. There's an option for nearly everyone.

Do you like figuring out how things work? One popular career in STEM is engineering. Most engineers go to college to earn a bachelor's degree or

a master's degree (bachelor's technology, engineering and degree plus two years). Engineers use technology to create new products or fix existing problems in many different industries. Electrical engineers work with electrical equipment like motors and radars, mechanical engineers work with machines and engines, and civil engineers work with roads, bridges, and buildings.

> You might like a career in STEM if you're detail-oriented and a problem solver. Be sure to take rigorous math and science courses so you're ready for college-level courses.



KAYLA is a junior at Warren Central High School. She's interested in electrical engineering. She knows this is the right career for her after gaining experience in high school courses and extracurricular activities. What activities can you participate in to ensure you're on the right path?

Learn the Lingo



igh school is a great time to get workplace experience. You can explore career options, show college admissions officers you're a motivated student, and possibly earn a little money. Learn about how you can start exploring careers below.

Informational Interview: An informational interview is an informal conversation with someone working in a career field that interests you. You can find out about their day-to-day responsibilities, the path they took, and any advice they might have. Talk to your teachers, parents or counselors about finding someone to talk to. Most professionals are happy to chat with students! Be sure to bring a list of questions with you.

Job Shadow: Job shadowing involves shadowing a professional for a day. You'll find out about the work environment and day-to-day responsibilities, and you can ask questions too. Be sure to dress appropriately for your visit—which might mean business casual (think nice pants or a skirt and a nice

top) if you're visiting an office, or it might mean more practical clothes if you're visiting a worksite.

Internship: An Internship is a step up from job shadowing. You'll work in an industry for a set amount of time—usually a few months—to experience a career field you're interested in. Internships provide career exploration and skills development, and they look great on a college application or resume! Many internships are paid, too! Visit **IndianalNTERN.net** to learn about internship opportunities, or talk to your school counselor to learn more.

Part-time Job: A part-time job is a great way to earn a little money and develop employability skills while you're at it! If you have a lot of free time, consider a parttime job at a store or restaurant. You'll gain responsibility and time management skills (make sure you have enough time to study and complete homework), and—depending on the job—you can explore career options too. Remember though, school is your number one job! Most students should only work 10-15 hours a week.



LINDSEY is a freshman at Winchester Community High School. She spends time volunteering at a food drive. Volunteering is a great way to get workplace experience and earn soft skills as well!

Education & Training *

Indiana College and Career Pathways: Education and Early Childhood

areers in education and training plan, manage and provide education, training and related learning supports. This includes teaching others in a variety of different subjects. From aviation to zoology, people who work in this field teach and train us on almost every topic imaginable.

If you enjoy helping people, a career in education and training might be for you. The most common career in this field is teaching, a bachelor's degree is typically required to become a teacher



While in college, they take education courses, classes that pertain to the subject they want to teach, and eventually become a student teacher. They also select which grades they want to teachfrom preschool to college. Many teachers must earn a teacher's license by passing an exam, too.

Teachers must have excellent communication skills and patience. If you're interested in this field, study hard in subjects you want to teach, and talk to one of your teachers about what advice they have.

Hey Parents!



It's never too early—or too late—to start talking about careers with your child. Now is a great time to start thinking about part-time jobs, internships or job

shadowing opportunities to help your child explore career options. Soft skills are important too—and employment opportunities are the easiest way for your child to develop these critical skills! But,

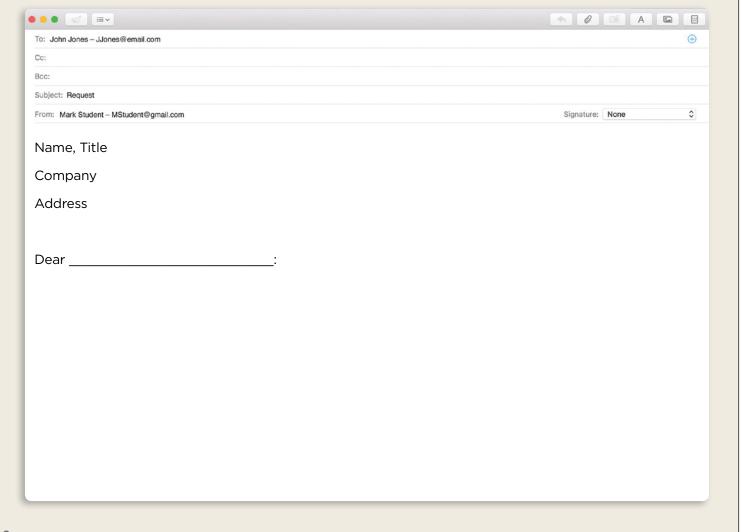
remind your son or daughter that school is his or her number one job!

Encourage your child to develop time management skills, and keep an eye on his or her grades and schedule to ensure your child isn't getting overwhelmed. For more career ideas and tips, visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/career.

Practice Writing an Ask Letter

riting a professional or an HR (Human Resources) manager you don't know to ask about an informational interview or job shadowing experience can seem intimidating! However—there are ways to make your ask professional, polite and appropriate. Check out these tips, and practice writing your own e-mail below.

- In the first paragraph, explain who you are, how you were referred to this person, and your career aspirations.
- In the second paragraph, acknowledge you know this is a big request and mention how long you want to talk or job shadow this person (a few hours, a full day, etc.).
- In the final paragraph, express your appreciation for the recipient's consideration and include your contact information (phone number and e-mail address) where the recipient can reach you.
 Be sure your e-mail address is professional and appropriate!
- Close the letter with a thank you and a formal valediction like "sincerely" or "respectfully."
- Proofread your letter! Ensure you're using full sentences and good grammar. Consider asking a parent, teacher or counselor to look it over.
- Wait for a reply, or follow-up in a week to attempt to schedule a date and time.



COLLEGE

aybe your dream career has a clear path through college and into your first job. Maybe you're not sure where you're headed, or what you need to do to get there. Either way, you should start out with a plan that includes postsecondary education. The latest statistics predict that nearly two-thirds of job openings in Indiana will require a college degree or credential!

GRANT is a freshman at
Winchester Community High
School, and he's interested in
engineering. To become an
engineer, Grant will need to earn
a bachelor's degree. He knows
he has a lot of work ahead of
him, and it's all starting with a
plan. He's working hard to earn a
Core 40 diploma with Academic
and Technical Honors, and he's
exploring math and engineering
courses at school to prepare for
his future career.

How do you know what diploma to earn? Talk to your school counselor, and research the admission requirements for the colleges you're interested in.



Consider your Core 40 diploma options:

- Core 40 diploma
- Core 40 with Academic Honors
- Core 40 with Technical Honors
- International Baccalaureate (not offered at all schools)

Creating a plan isn't as hard as it sounds. Every high school freshman in Indiana is required to create one, and you should make updates as your plans change or solidify in the coming years. It's the smartest way to make sure you're on track to take the right courses, earn the best diploma for you, and get you where you need to go. Talk to your school counselor, and check out the online graduation plan at LearnMoreIndiana.org/college.



Learn more about college during College GO!, every August through November! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/college to learn more.

Hey Parents!



College matters! Nearly two-thirds of all new jobs in Indiana will require some form of education beyond high school. Talk to your child about how

important school is and how important it is to do his or her best work. Talk to your child about his or her different options—including college, apprenticeships and the military—to help your child decide which option is best. Colleges look at GPAs—even freshman year GPAs—so encourage your child to study hard every day and complete all homework assignments on time. Learn more at **LearnMoreindiana.org/college**.

Thinking about going back to college yourself? **You Can. Go Back.** is a statewide campaign that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started. Find out more, including information on financial aid for adults, at **YouCanGoBack.org.**

Consider Your Options 💭

here are plenty of postsecondary options that will get you the experience and education you need to land a great career you enjoy. Consider your skills, interests, and career aspirations, and read about some of your options below. Not sure what you want to do? Plan to attend a four-year college until you finalize your plans—it'll keep the most options open for you!



Four-Year College

ALEXIS is a freshman at Michigan City High School, and she's interested in architecture. Most architects earn a professional degree through a five-year bachelor's degree program at four-year colleges like Ball State (many four-year colleges offer advanced degrees!). She's planning to earn a Core 40 diploma with Academic Honors. An honors diploma opens up the most college options.

If you're interested in a four-year college, you should:

- Graduate with at least a Core 40 diploma, but preferably an honors diploma,
- Participate in extracurricular or service activities,
- Push yourself to earn good grades by striving for at least a 3.0 GPA (out of 4.0),
- Take tough classes like AP or dual-credit courses,
- Take the SAT or ACT. For more information on these tests, visit **CollegeBoard.org** (SAT) or **ACT.org** (ACT).



Honors. Some students start at a two-year college before transferring to a four-year college. If you're interested in attending a two-year college, you should:

- Push yourself to graduate with at least a Core 40
- Take placement tests to determine where you should start (many two-year colleges do not require the SAT or ACT, but will accept them in place of different placement tests), and
- Take AP or dual-credit courses to earn college credit in advance and save money.



Military

GERALD is a junior at Michigan City High School. He's planning on attending the Air Force Academy to pursue a career in engineering. To ensure he's ready to apply, he's been taking rigorous science and engineering courses at his school, and he's planning to graduate with a Core 40 diploma with Academic and Technical Honors. He also plays football and is involved in a leadership program in Michigan City. He's doing all he can to make sure he's ready to apply!

BONUS: If you enlist, the military will often pay for your college during or after service.

If you're interested in enlisting, you should:

- Stay in shape so you can pass physical fitness
- Stay out of trouble so you have a clean background check,
- Study hard for the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery),
- Avoid tattoos below the elbow, and
- Talk to a local recruiter for more information.
- Remember, if you plan to enroll in college during or after service, college requirements apply too.

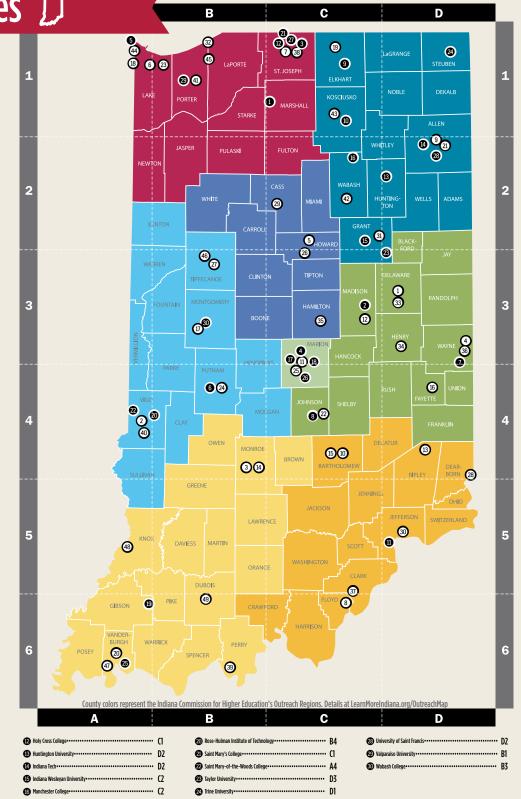
Apprenticeship

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-thejob training and instruction in a field like welding, carpentry or pipefitting. One of the great things about an apprenticeship is you get paid while you work and learn! These programs take two to five years (usually between 4,000 and 8,000 hours of on-the-job learning), depending on the program. At the end of the program, apprentices receive an industry-recognized credential like a journeyman certification. At Associated Builder and Contractors, Inc. Indiana/Kentucky Chapter (ABC), most apprentices are employed by ABC member companies, and these employers usually cover the cost of the apprenticeship. If you're interested in an apprenticeship, you should:

- Take CTE classes that focus on the field you're interested in,
- Take the WorkKeys placement test if your apprenticeship program requires it,
- Make sure you understand geometry and fractions,
- Have an interest in science and logic,
- Enjoy working with your hands, and
- Reach out to an apprenticeship program like ABC Indiana/Kentucky to learn more.



Indiana Colleges 🎵



Making the Most Out of Your College Visit 🏛

risiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college is like. Check out the list below to make sure you get the most out of your college visit!

- ☐ Talk to an admissions counselor.
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you.
- ☐ Meet with a professor who teachers in a subject that interests you.
- ☐ Talk to current students about what think about their classes and professors.
- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Check out dorms, if applicable.

- ☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, bookstore and other facilities.
- Ask about student supports, like tutoring and the writing center.
- ☐ Ask about career services, like job placement and internship experiences.

- ☐ Talk to coaches if you intend to
- Ask about intramurals, clubs and organizations you may be interested in.

play a sport.

- ☐ Check out the area surrounding campus.
- ☐ Gather contact information for people you talk to so you can follow up later.

Keep your college and career planning on track—one text at a time.

Sign up for Trip to College Alerts, a free texting program from the Indiana Youth Institute. Each month, you'll receive three to four texts with deadline reminders, scholarship information, links to resources and general tips for preparing for college and career. Texts are available for students in grades 7-12.



Just text grad plus your high school graduation year (example: grad2020) to 69979 to sign up! Standard message and data rates apply. Students must be 13 or older to join the program. Ask your parent or guardian for permission to participate. Full terms and conditions available at www.triptocollege.org.

It's All in the Application!



hinking about your plans after high school is important, but taking action is key! When you apply for colleges and jobs, you'll need to fill out an application and answer questions about what you did in high school. Make a plan now to stand

out from the crowd. Need help answering some of these questions? Talk to your school counselor about what classes you can take and which diploma

My career 9	goal is:
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After high schoo	l, I plan to earn a(n):	The high school diploma I plan to earn is:
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☐ Military Tra	☐ Military Training ☐ Core 40 with Academic F	
One-year	certificate	Core 40 with Technical Honors
Associate	Degree	☐ International Baccalaureate
☐ Bachelor's	Degree	Other:
☐ Master's or	Doctorate Degree	
My GPA goal is:	My current GPA is:	
Classes I have ta	ken in high school that match my co	ollege and career goals:
Classes I will tak	e in high school that match my colle	ege and career goals:
Extracurricular o	or service activities I have participat	ed in that match my college and career goals:
Extracurricular o	or service activities I will participate	in that match my college and career goals:

COST

Paying for college begins today!

aking smart choices and working hard in high school can pay off in real money. Airon, a junior at Warren Central High School who is interested in construction engineering, can tell you all about it.

In middle school, **AIRON** signed up for Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program. Now that he's nearing the end of high school, he knows the steps he's taking will result in up to 100% of his tuition being covered for up to four years at Purdue University—the college he plans to attend.

If you're a 21st Century Scholar, be sure to complete your Scholar Success Program activities! Visit **ScholarTrack.IN.gov**, or check out page 17 to learn more.

Whether you're a Scholar or not, financial aid is available! You'll find out what kind of aid is available to you when you file your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) your senior year of high school. Create a GPA goal for yourself and commit to an extracurricular or service activity to boost your chances of a scholarship.

CASH FOR COLLEGE

Learn more about the costs of college during Cash for College, every December through March! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost to learn more.

Learn the Lingo: Financial Aid Lingo:

Grants: Grants are typically awarded to students with financial need, and they don't have to be repaid. They often come from the State of Indiana, the federal government, or the college you'll attend.

Scholarships: Scholarships don't have to be repaid either. Usually you must seek out scholarships and apply long before you're in college—and working hard for scholarships starts now!

Check out **LearnMoreIndiana**. org/cost and talk to your school counselor about where to look for scholarships. Visit page 18 to start the process!

Work-Study: Work-study (like EARN Indiana) is where the state or federal government pays you money for working on campus or completing an internship.

Loans: This type of financial aid will have to be repaid, plus interest. You should take out as few loans as possible to avoid taking on too much debt. If you do need to take out loans (and taking some out is OK!) use up all of your federal loan eligibility before seeking loans from private companies or banks. Federal loans have lower interest rates and more repayment options.

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Financial Aid from Indiana 🔲

ndiana has financial aid for all types of students. To qualify, you must file your FAFSA by April 15 of your senior year (and each year you're in

college too!). Check out the options below, and visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost to see all available state financial aid.

WHAT IS IT?	WHO QUALIFIES?*	HOW MUCH?*	
Child of Veterans and Public Safety Officers Grant (CVO)	Students whose parent is a deceased or disabled military veteran, deceased public safety officer or permanently disabled state trooper.	Up to 100% of tuition costs at public Indiana colleges.	
Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities	Black or Hispanic students who will participate in student teaching during the upcoming school year.	The amount varies based on student need and available funds.	
EARN Indiana	Any student who demonstrates need.	Varies, but all internships are paid at least federal minimum wage.	
Frank O'Bannon Grant	Full-time college students with financial need. You may receive more aid if you earn an honors diploma in high school!	\$600 to \$7,400, depending on your college and your financial need. Additional merit incentives available from \$800 to \$1,300.	
Indiana National Guard Supplement Grant	Students who are active members of the Indiana Air or Army National Guard.	Up to 100% of tuition costs at public Indiana colleges.	
Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship	Students who graduate from a public high school at least one year early and start college within five months.	A one-time \$4,000 award.	
Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship	200 high-achieving high school or college students who agree to teach in Indiana for five years after graduating college.	Up to \$7,500 for up to 4 years.	
Student Teaching Stipend for High-Needs Fields Students who plan to teach in a high needs field where there is a shortage of candidates.		The amount varies based on student need and available funds.	
William A. Crawford Minority Teacher Scholarship	Black or Hispanic students majoring in education who plan to teach in Indiana for at least three years after college.	The amount varies based on student need and available funds.	

*For full requirements, see LearnMoreIndiana.org/other-Indiana-scholarship-programs.

ALEX is a sophomore at Michigan City High School, and she is interested in engineering. She participates in soccer, basketball, track, German club, math club, science club and engineering club. Her involvement in extracurricular activities could earn her scholarships! Although she has a busy schedule, she's focusing on her academics by pursuing a Core 40 diploma with Academic and Technical Honors. What can you do to boost your scholarship chances?

Scholarship Success Tips



ollege might seem a long way off, but there's plenty you can do right now to set yourself up for scholarship success.

Earn good grades. Even if you started off on the wrong foot, you can increase your GPA by graduation and show scholarship and admissions committees you're a hard worker.

Work hard. Even if you struggle in a certain subject, your hard work and perseverance can pay off in college dollars.

Get involved and stay involved. Join a club or sport and seek leadership opportunities. Remember, it's better to stay involved in one to two activities for a long time than to jump around to several activities.

Help your community. By volunteering you'll grow personally and professionally—and your community will benefit!

Practice your writing skills. Writing might seem scary, but it's a good skill to have! Many college and scholarship applications require an essay, so seize the opportunity now to practice and improve your writing.

Check out the next page to start your **research.** You might have to search a few websites to find scholarships to apply for, but free money for college is worth it! And, don't rule out small scholarships—every little bit counts!

Scholar Success Program

ndiana's 21st Century Scholars program helps income-eligible students earn up to four years of tuition at an eligible Indiana college. Scholars fulfill a pledge of **good citizenship** and participate in the **Scholar Success Program** (see back cover) that helps them stay on track for college and career success. Scholars must also earn at least a Core 40 diploma and achieve a cumulative

GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale). Visit **Scholars.IN.gov** to learn more, and start tracking your activity completion today at ScholarTrack.IN.gov. SCHOLARS

Even if you're not a Scholar, completing the 12 activities in the Scholar Success Program will help you prepare for college and career success!

DARIUS, a junior at Purdue University can tell you all about it! He's a 21st Century Scholar, and the State of Indiana is helping him pay for college.

Darius is earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry 21st Century with minors in

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management and psychology. After he graduates, he's planning to attend dental school to become a dentist. His advice for students who want to attend college? Working hard now will pay off 100% later!

Scholarship Success Starts NOW!

here's plenty you can do right now to set yourself up for scholarship success! Although some scholarships are awarded automatically when you apply for college, most of them require you to find them and submit an application. Practice your scholarship-searching skills today with this activity!

Check out websites like:

IndianaCollegeCosts.org/learn-where-the-money-is, BigFuture.CollegeBoard.org/scholarship-search. and **FastWeb.com** to start your search today!

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	SOURCE	WEBSITI	Ē	REQUIREMENTS	WHAT CAN I DO NOW?	APPLICATION DEADLINE
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Hey Parents!

College costs money, but it's a worthwhile investment. Encourage your

child to visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest** to enter for a chance to win **\$529** in a savings account! It's never too early—or too late—to start saving! In Indiana, the average public four-year college costs \$21,330 a year, and the average public two-year college costs \$16,956 a year. Check out the graph below for a breakdown of the costs of college.

The State of Indiana, the federal government,

and colleges have money to help students pay for college. If your child is a 21st Century Scholar, look at the back cover of this magazine to ensure your child is taking the right steps to earn his or her scholarship. Create an account to track your child's progress at ScholarTrack.IN.gov. Financial aid isn't just for traditional or full-time students. If you're considering going back to college, Indiana has money just for adult students. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/other-indiana-scholarshipprograms to learn more.



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09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"			
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Estimate the Costs of College			
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³			
12	Submit Your College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File Your FAFSA			

- 1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.
- 2. Includes job shadowing, internship, part-time employment, interviewing a professional or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.
- 3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunities beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

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